JS 44 (Rev. 06/17)

I (a) PLAINTIFFS

CIVIL COVER SHEET

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| I (a) PLAINTIFFS Anthony Robinson 2248 North 18th Street Philadelphia, PA 19132 (b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff Philadelphia (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES) | | | | DEFENDANTS Pacifico Ford, Inc. 6701 Essington Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19153 County of Residence of First Listed Defendant (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY) | | | | | |
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA — DESIGNATION FORM to be used by counsel to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to appropriate calendar. Address of Plaintiff: 2248 NOVTH 18th Street, Philadelphia PA Essington Avenue, Philadelphia PA 19153 Place of Accident, Incident or Transaction: (971) Avenue (Use Reverse Side For Additional Space) Does this civil action involve a nongovernmental corporate party with any parent corporation and any publicly held corporation owning 10% or more of its stock? (Attach two copies of the Disclosure Statement Form in accordance with Fed.R.Civ.P. 7.1(a)) Yes No No Does this case involve multidistrict litigation possibilities? No Ycs□ RELATED CASE, IF ANY: Case Number: Judge Date Terminated: Civil cases are deemed related when yes is answered to any of the following questions: 1. Is this case related to property included in an earlier numbered suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court? 2. Does this case involve the same issue of fact or grow out of the same transaction as a prior suit pending or within one year previously terminated Yes□ 3. Does this case involve the validity or infringement of a patent already in suit or any earlier numbered case pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court? 4. Is this case a second or successive habeas corpus, social security appeal, or pro se civil rights case filed by the same individual? Yes CIVIL: (Place / in one category only) A. Federal Question Cases: B. Diversity Jurisdiction Cases: 1.

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CIV. 609 (5/2012)

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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| ANTHONY ROBINSON | | |
| 2248 North 18 th Street | : | |
| Philadelphia, PA 19132 | : | |
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| PACIFICO FORD, INC. | | 190. |
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| 6701 Essington Avenue | | 4 e |
| Philadelphia, PA 19153 | ; | |
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| Defendant | | |

CIVIL ACTION COMPLAINT

I. Parties and Reasons for Jurisdiction.

- 1. Plaintiff, Anthony Robinson (hereinafter "Plaintiff") is an adult individual residing at the above address.
- 2. Defendant, Pacifico Ford, Inc. ("Pacifico Ford") is a business corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and a business address as captioned above.
- 3. At all times material hereto, Defendant employed Plaintiff at its Essington Avenue, Philadelphia store as set forth above and qualified as Plaintiff's employer under the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act ("PHRA").
- 4. Plaintiff exhausted his administrative remedies pursuant to the Equal Employment Opportunity Act and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act. (See Exhibit A, a true and correct copy of a dismissal and notice of rights issued by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.)

- 5. This action is instituted pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act and applicable federal and state law.
 - 6. Jurisdiction is conferred by 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1343.
- 7. Supplemental jurisdiction over the Plaintiff's state law claims is conferred pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367.
- 8. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(1) and (b)(2), venue is properly laid in this district because Defendant conducts business in this district, and because a substantial part of the acts and/or omissions giving rise to the claims set forth herein occurred in this judicial district. Plaintiff was working for Defendant in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania at the time of the illegal actions by Defendant as set forth herein.

II. Operative Facts.

- 9. On or about February 10, 2017, Defendant hired Mr. Anthony Robinson as an automotive sales associate.
- 10. Prior to his hiring, Plaintiff had several medical procedures performed related to his health.
 - 11. In July of 2016, Plaintiff underwent a partial amputation of his right foot.
 - 12. In January of 2017, Plaintiff underwent surgery to implant a pacemaker.
 - 13. Due to the partial amputation, Plaintiff required a cane to assist in his mobility.
 - 14. Plaintiff disclosed his disabilities to Defendant at the time of his hire.
- 15. Within the first two (2) weeks of his hire, Plaintiff's manager, Stan Otto, said "come on, hop-along" to Mr. Robinson, in reference to his disability.
- 16. Plaintiff explained to Mr. Otto that his health condition is not funny, and that the nickname "hop-along" was not appreciated.

- 17. Dan apologized and stated that it was "just a joke."
- 18. In mid-March of 2017, approximately one (1) week following this incident, Plaintiff completed his training and was allowed to start selling vehicles.
- 19. Plaintiff sold between four (4) to five (5) cars from mid-March to the end of March.
- 20. In March of 2017, Plaintiff was approached by Defendant's general sales manager, Larry Ferrell.
- 21. Mr. Ferrell told Plaintiff that it would be "in his best interest" to not utilize his cane while at work. Mr. Ferrell stated it "might make customers uncomfortable" and that they "might not be as receptive" to Plaintiff while he was using his cane.
- 22. As Plaintiff requires his cane to ambulate, Plaintiff continued to utilize his cane as needed.
- 23. In April of 2017, Plaintiff sold ten (10) cars, but a few of those sales he had finished up for other employees so he was only credited with between seven (7) to eight (8) sales.
- 24. In the beginning of May of 2017, Plaintiff had a review wherein he was told that because he had only sold seven (7) cars the previous month, he had not met the ten (10) car sales quota and showed "poor work performance" as a result.
- 25. Based on the prior discussion Plaintiff had with Defendant regarding his cane and being called "hop-along", Plaintiff felt he was being unfairly singled out and refused to sign the performance review.
- 26. Plaintiff believes other sales associates did not meet the purported ten (10) car sales quota, but were not terminated.

- 27. Plaintiff was subsequently terminated on May 4, 2017 and was told by Defendants that the termination was for "poor work performance."
- 28. Upon information and belief, a non-disabled sales associates, Nick Patterson, who was hired at the same time as Plaintiff, sold the same number of cars as Plaintiff and was not terminated.
 - 29. At all times material, Defendant was hostile to Plaintiff's disability.
 - 30. Due to this discriminatory treatment, Plaintiff was terminated.
- 31. Defendant terminated Plaintiff, and kept a non-disabled employee who had performed the same level of work as Plaintiff.
- 32. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's conduct in terminating Plaintiff, Plaintiff sustained great economic loss, future lost earning capacity, lost opportunity, loss of wages and benefits, as well emotional distress, humiliation, pain and suffering and other damages as set forth below.

III. Causes of Action.

COUNT I – TITLE I CLAIM--AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (42 U.S.C.A. § 12101 et seq)

- 33. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1-32 as if fully set forth at length herein.
- 34. At all times material hereto, and pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §12101, et seq., an employer may not discriminate against an employee based on a disability.
- 35. Plaintiff is a qualified employee and person within the definition of Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §12101, et seq,.
- 36. Defendant is an "employer" and thereby subject to the strictures of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §12101, et seq..

- 37. At all times material hereto, Plaintiff had a qualified disability, as described above.
- 38. Defendant's conduct in terminating Plaintiff is an adverse action, was taken as a result of his disability and constitutes a violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §12101, et seq..
- 39. The aforementioned conduct of Defendant, through its management and employees constitute a hostile work environment.
- 40. As a proximate result of Defendant's conduct, Plaintiff sustained significant damages, including but not limited to: great economic loss, future lost earning capacity, lost opportunity, loss of future wages, loss of front pay, loss of back pay, as well as emotional distress, mental anguish, humiliation, pain and suffering, consequential damages and Plaintiff has also sustained work loss, loss of opportunity, and a permanent diminution of his earning power and capacity and a claim is made therefore.
- 41. As a result of the conduct of Defendants' owners/management, Plaintiff hereby demands punitive damages.
- 42. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §12101, et seq Plaintiff demands attorneys fees and court costs.

COUNT II – VIOLATION OF THE PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RELATIONS ACT (43 P.S. § 955)

- 43. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1-42 as if fully set forth at length herein.
- 44. At all times material hereto, and pursuant to the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, 43 P.S. § 951, et seq., an employer may not discriminate against an employee based on a disability.

- 45. Plaintiff is a qualified employee and person within the definition of Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, 43 P.S. § 951, et seq,.
- 46. Defendant is an "employer" and thereby subject to the strictures of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, 43 P.S. § 951, et seq,.
- 47. At all times material hereto, Plaintiff had a qualified disability, as described above. Plaintiff's disability profoundly interfered with his day to day life activities.
- 48. Defendant's conduct in terminating Plaintiff is an adverse action, was taken as a result of his disability and constitutes a violation of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, 43 P.S. § 951, et seq..
- 49. As a proximate result of Defendant's conduct, Plaintiff sustained significant damages, including but not limited to: great economic loss, future lost earning capacity, lost opportunity, loss of future wages, loss of front pay, loss of back pay, loss of commissions as well as personal injury, emotional distress, mental anguish, humiliation, pain and suffering, consequential damages and Plaintiff has also sustained work loss, loss of opportunity, and a permanent diminution of his earning power and capacity and a claim is made therefore.
- 50. As a result of the conduct of Defendant's owners/management, Plaintiff hereby demands punitive damages.
- 51. Pursuant to the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, 43 P.S. § 951, et seq., Plaintiff demands attorneys fees and court costs.

IV. Relief Requested.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Anthony Robinson demands judgment in his favor and against Defendant, Pacifico Ford, Inc. in an amount in excess of \$150,000.00 together with:

- A. Compensatory damages, including but not limited to: back pay, front pay, past lost wages, future lost wages. Lost pay increases, lost pay incentives, lost opportunity, lost benefits, lost future earning capacity, injury to reputation, mental and emotional distress, pain and suffering
- B. Punitive damages;
- C. Attorneys fees and costs of suit;
- D. Interest, delay damages; and,
- E. Any other further relief this Court deems just proper and equitable.

LAW OFFICES OF ERIC A. SHORE, P.C.

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Philadelphia, PA 19110

Attorney for Plaintiff, Anthony Robinson

Date: 2/2/18

EXH. A

FFOC Form 151 (11/16)

U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

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| Enclosures(s) | | Kevin J. Be Acting District | | , | (Date Mailed) | | |

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